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SUBJECT: INCREASING OPTIMISM IN CAIRO PRESS ON RESULTS* * SECRETARY'S VIS*T

1. SUMMARY. OVER *ST FEW DAYS CAIRO PRESS HAS SHOWN
INCREASING OPTIMISM ABOUT RESULT* OF SECRETARY'S VISIT.
END SUMM*RY.

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2. AKHBAR'S HEADLINE OF JA 14 "EGYPT WILL*NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS"
SET TENOR OF *RESS FOR THAT DAY.*ARTICLES I ALL NEW*PAPERS,
FILED FROM ASWA*, REPORTED THAT IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
SECRETARY AND SADAT LATTER HAD STATED *HAT EGYPT WOULD NEITHER
WITHDRAW FROM SINAI NOR *EDUCE ITS FORCES EAST OF CANAL.

ATTITUDE OF PRESS WAS OF DETERMINATION THAT ESSENTIAL GOALS OF EGYPT WOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED BY NEGOTIATIONS IN ASWAN.

3. SINCE SUNDAY, CAIRO NEWSPAPERS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RESULTS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT. JAN 14 PAPERS REPORTED IN BANNER HEADLINES THAT MONDAY'S MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY ADAM SADAT WOULD BE "DECISIVE", AND NOTED THAT PLAN FOR SEPARATION OF FORCES WITH WHICH SECRETARY HAD RETURNED FROM ISRAEL, MIGHT ATTAIN "A GREAT STEP FORWARD". THIS IMPENDING SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT HAS CONTINUED TODAY, JAN 15. AMERICAN AND OTHER PAPERS REPORT THAT FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IN ASWAN, SECRETARY RETURNED LATE LAST NIGHT TO ISRAEL CARRYING "A DETAILED MAP CLEARLY SPECIFYING EGYPTIAN VIEWPOINT ON SEPARATION OF FORCES AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD A FINAL SOLUTION". IMPRESSION GIVEN BY REPORTING IS OF INTENSE MOVEMENT TOWARD SPECIFIC AND ATTAINABLE OBJECTIVES. MOST INDICATIVE OF ATTITUDE OF JAN 15 PRESS IS HIGHLY VISIBLE REPORTING OF REMARKS BY FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY ABOUT SECRETARY, THAT "WHEN HE HANDLES A PROBLEM HE BRINGS IT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION"

4. JAN 15 NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORT THAT, ACCORDING TO HAAREZ, US WILL DELIVER AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO ISRAEL AS PART OF \$2.2 BILLION ARMS PACKAGE. ARTICLES REPORTING THIS, HOWEVER, ARE PLACED IN SECONDARY POSITION ON FRONT PAGES AND DO NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT OVERALL IMPRESSION OF PROGRESS IN SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS.
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